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> UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN JOSE DIVISION

LAURA A. EDWARDS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Facsimile:

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a Government Sponsored Enterprise; OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC. a Delaware Limited Liability Company; CAL-WESTERN RECONVENYANCE CORPORATION, a California Corporation; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, AND DOES 1-100. inclusive.

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT

[12 U.S.C. § 1452(f)]

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT

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#### TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1452(f), Defendant Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") hereby gives notice of the removal of this action from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, where it was pending, to the United States District Court for the United States District Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division. As grounds for this removal, Freddie Mac shows unto the Court the following:

- 1. The Plaintiff, LAURA A. EDWARDS ("Plaintiff"), commenced this action against Freddie Mac and others in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, on or about the 6th day of August, 2012. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges various causes of action against Freddie Mac and others in connection with the purchase of certain real property located at 2201 The Alameda, #18, Santa Clara, California 95050-6058, County of Santa Clara, California ("State Court Action").
- 2. Freddie Mac is a United States corporation chartered by an Act of Congress organized and existing under the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1451, et seq., with its principal place of business located in McLean, Virginia.
- 3. 12 U.S.C. § 1452(f) provides that Freddie Mac "shall be deemed to be an agency included in sections 1345 and 1442 of such Title 28." Section 1452(f) of Title 12 further provides, in pertinent part, that any civil action in a state court to which Freddie Mac is a party may, at any time before trial, be removed to the United States District Court embracing the place where the action is pending.
- 4. 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a) does not require Freddie Mac to notify or obtain the consent of any other defendant in this action in order to remove the entire case to federal court. See 28 U.S.C. 1442(a); *Durham v. Lockheed Martin Corp.*, 445 F.3d 1247, 1253 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) (stating that "[w]hereas all defendants must consent to removal under section 1441..., a federal officer or agency defendant can unilaterally remove a case under section 1442...") (citations omitted); *Ely Valley Mines, Inc. v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.*, 644 F. 2d 1310, 1315 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1981)

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(stating that "§ 1442 represents an exception to the general rule (under §§ 1441 and 1446) that all defendants must join in the removal petition").

- 5. Freddie Mac is a party to the State Court Action as referenced above, and no trial of the action has yet taken place. The United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, is the federal judicial district and division embracing the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, where this action was originally filed. See 28 U.S.C. § 81(a)(3). Freddie Mac is therefore entitled to remove that action to this Court. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated by reference herein, are copies of all records and proceedings from the State Court Action in the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, Case No. 112CV229912.
- 6. Concurrently with the filing of this Notice of Removal, by means of the Notice of Filing of Notice Removal filed in the State Court Action and attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, Freddie Mac is giving written notice to all known parties, and to the Clerk of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, of (i) this removal; (ii) the fact that this case is to be docketed in this Court; and (iii) that this Court shall hereafter be entitled to grant all relief to Freddie Mac as is proper under the circumstances, all in accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 1452 and such local rules as may be applicable.

Dated: September 17, 2012

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#### Jeremy J. Alberts (SBN 273290) Law Office of Jeremy J. Alberts 125 W. Amerige Ave. 2012 AUG -Fullerton, CA 92832 714-441-1144 - Tel 3 714-441-1546 - Fax Carly Attorney for Plaintiff, Laura A. Edwards SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER 12CV229912 10 Laura A, Edwards, Case No .: 11 Plaintiff, 12 verified complaint for 13 PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL; FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE (2) FRAUDULENT CORPORATION, a Government Sponsored Enterprise; OCWEN Loan Servicing, LLC, a MISREPRESENTATION; Delaware Limited Liability Company; CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, a California Corporation; (3) UNJUST ENRICHMENT; (4) CIVIL CONSPIRACY; 16 (5) SET ASIDE ILLEGAL TRUSTEE'S LL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING SALE; 17 ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT. (6) QUIET TITLE; TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, AND DOES 1-100, 18 (7) UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES UNDER B&P CODE § 17200 ET SEQ.; AND (8) WRONGFUL FORECLOSURE. 20 inclusive, 21 Defendants. REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL 22 23 24 Plaintiff, Laura A. Edwards, (hereinafter "Plaintiff") files this Complaint against 25 Defendants Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a Government Sponsored Enterprise; 26 OCWEN Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; Cal-Western 27 Reconveyance Corporation, a California Corporation; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN 28 . 1 .

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#### PARTIES AND VENUE

 At all times herein mentioned Plaintiff, Laura A. Edwards (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is a resident of Santa Clara County, California.

- 2. At all times herein mentioned Defendant, Federal Home Loan Mortgage

  Corporation (hereinafter "FREDDIE MAC") is a Government Sponsored Enterprise conducting
  business in Santa Clara County, California.
- 3. At all times herein mentioned Defendant, OCWEN Loan Servicing, LLC (hereinafter "OCWEN") is a Delaware Limited Liability Company conducting business in Santa Clara County, California.
- 4. At all times herein mentioned Defendant, Cal-Western Reconveyance
  Corporation (hereinafter "CAL-WESTERN") is a California Corporation conducting business in
  Santa Clara County, California.
- 5. The defendants herein named as "all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's title or any cloud on plaintiff's title thereto" are hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "unknown defendants" and are unknown to Plaintiff. These unknown defendants and each of them claim or appear to claim some right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, adverse to Plaintiff's title. Their claims, and each of them, constitute a cloud on Plaintiff's title to the property.
- 6. Jurisdiction of the subject matter in this Court is proper because the cause of action herein arose in Santa Clara County, California by virtue of a mortgage loan and related inter-temporal transactions associated therewith which concern the Plaintiff' primary residential real estate which is located at 2201 The Alameda #18, Santa Clara, CA, 95050 which is located within Santa Clara County which is within this Judicial District.

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- Plainfiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names and all persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in this complaint adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
- Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 100 are contractually, strictly, 9. negligently, intentionally, vicariously liable and or otherwise legally responsible in some manner for each and every act, omission, obligation, event or happening set forth in this Complaint, and that each of said fictitiously named Defendants is indebted to Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
- The use of the term "Defendants" in any of the allegations in this Complaint, 10. unless specifically otherwise set forth, is intended to include and charge both jointly and severely, not only named Defendants, but all Defendants designated as well.
- Plaintiff is informed and believe and thereon alleges that, at all times mentioned 11. herein. Defendants were agents, servants, employees, alter egos, superiors, successors in interest, joint venturers and/ or co-conspirators of each of their co-defendants and in doing the things herein after mentioned, or acting within the course and scope of their authority of such agents, servants, employees, alter egos, superiors, successors in interest, joint venturers and/or coconspirators with the permission and consent of their co-defendants and, consequently, each Defendant named herein, and those Defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 100, inclusive. are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages and harm sustained as a result of their wrongful conduct.
- Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted, encouraged, and rendered 12. substantial assistance to the other Defendants in breaching their obligations to Plaintiff, as alleged herein. In taking action, as alleged herein, to aid and abet and substantially assist the commissions of these wrongful acts and other wrongdoings complained of, each of the

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Defendants acted with an awareness of its primary wrongdoing and realized that its conduct would substantially assist the accomplishment of the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and ४४० । पर्वेक्षपुरस्यासम्बद्धाः १०० । ४० । ४४ ॥ - १९२५ १ - १३१० जन्मे पुरस्कारम् ४०० wiongdoing.

- Defendants, and each of them, knowingly and willfully conspired, engaged in a 13. common enterprise, and engaged in a common course of conduct to accomplish the wrongs complained of herein. The purpose and effect of the conspiracy, common enterprise, and common course of conduct complained of was, inter alia, to financially benefit Defendants at the expense of Plaintiff by engaging in fraudulent activities. Defendants accomplished their conspiracy, common enterprise, and common course of conduct by misrepresenting and concealing material information regarding the servicing of loans, and by taking steps and making statements in furtherance of their wrongdoing as specified herein. Each Defendant was a direct, necessary and substantial participant in the conspiracy, common enterprise and common course of conduct complained of herein, and was aware of its overall contribution to and furtherance thereof. Defendants' wrongful acts include, inter alia, all of the acts that each of them are alleged to have committed in furtherance of the wrongful conduct of complained of herein.
- Any applicable statutes of limitations have been tolled by the Defendants' 14. continuing, knowing, and active concealment of the facts alleged herein. Despite exercising reasonable diligence, Plaintiff could not have discovered, did not discover, and was prevented from discovering, the wrongdoing complained of herein.
- In the alternative, Defendants should be estopped from relying on any statutes of 15. limitations. Defendants have been under a continuing duty to disclose the true character, nature, and quality of their financial services and debt collection practices. Defendants owed Plaintiff an affirmative duty of full and fair disclosure, but knowingly failed to honor and discharge such duty.

#### **FACTS**

Plaintiff entered into a consumer loan transaction with Centex Home Equity Corp. to refinance a single family property that is commonly known as 2201 The Alameda #18, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, and described as APN 230-49-003, Lot 1 of Tract No. 6751, in the City of



Sama Clara, County of Sama Clara, State of Camornia, as por map recorded in 1966, 407 Tage(s)
1 20; 2 21 of Maps, in the office of the Santa Clara County Recorder (the "Subject Property").
Legal Description of this Property attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Plaintiff executed a
Promissory Note ("Note") as part of the Loan transaction. Additionally, based upon information
and belief, in connection with the Loan transaction, Freddie Mac took a security interest in the
Subject Property in the form of a Deed of Trust recorded with the Santa Clara County Recorder's
Office on or about May 1, 2008 ("DOT").

- In February 2009, President Obama's Administration introduced a comprehensive Financial Stability Plan to address the key problems at the heart of the current crisis to get the nation's economy back on track. A critical piece of that effort is Making Home Affordable, a plan aimed at stabilizing the housing market and helping struggling homeowners get relief and avoid foreclosure. The Making Home Affordable Program ("HAMP") offers strong options for homeowners, including among others, modifying first and second mortgage loans through HAMP to provide eligible homeowners with the opportunity to make their mortgage more affordable.
- 18. A mortgage borrower can become eligible for a loan modification under the HAMP if the borrower:
  - 1) Is the owner-occupant of a one-to-four unit home;
  - 2) Has an unpaid principal balance that is equal to or less than:
    - i. 44 1 Unit: \$729,750
    - ii. 2 Units: \$934,200
    - iii. 3 Units: \$1,129,250
    - iv. 4 Units: \$1,403,400
  - 3) Has a first lien mortgage that was originated on or before January 1, 2009;
  - 4) Has a monthly mortgage payment (including taxes, insurance, and homeowners association dues) greater than 31% of his or her monthly gross (pre-tax) income; and

- 5) Has a mortgage payment that is not affordable due to a financial hardship that can be documented.
- 19. Plaintiff became unable to pay her mortgage for approximately 6 months due to the documented fact that several of her family members had been gravely ill (one had passed away). Plaintiff spent a lot of time and money trying to take care of them and their families.
- 20. At the beginning of May, 2012, Plaintiff contacted OCWEN to see if she could resolve the past due amount on her mortgage. Plaintiff was told that she owed approximately \$19,000.00. She had closed out her 401K retirement account and had, at the time, around \$11,000.00 and was willing to work out some kind of payment plan to resolve the balance owed. A female representative of OCWEN told her that she needed to pay the full amount or be considered for a loan modification.
- 21. On May 7, 2012, Plaintiff was contacted by Hernando Sanabria, Regional Manager at OCWEN. Mr. Sanabria stated to Plaintiff that she can be considered for a loan modification and that during that time her house will not be foreclosed. Mr. Sanabria had requested Plaintiff to fill out forms, send income tax forms, copies of pay stubs and other information. The only contact information to reach Mr. Sanabria was an e-mail address.
- 22. Plaintiff properly collected all the requested information and documents and faxed them on May 25, 2012. Plaintiff emailed Mr. Sanabria after having faxed the documents.

  Plaintiff requested Mr. Sanabria to contact her or schedule a call.
- 23. Only after several emails and a month later, on June 25, 2012, Mr. Sanabria responded to Plaintiff and requested that she refaxed the documents. Plaintiff immediately refaxed all the documents again to Mr. Sanabria.
- 24. Plaintiff continued to send emails to Mr. Sanabria asking about the status of modification and the status of foreclosure.
- 25. In response, Plaintiff received several letters from OCWEN stating that they were processing Plaintiff's request for a loan modification. The letters from OCWEN stated "... you will not lose your home during the HAMP evaluation..."

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· · · · · · · 26.	During the time that OCWEN was processing Plaintiff's request for a loan
modification	Plaintiff incurred substantial fees and penalties for becoming delinquent on their
mortgage pa	yments. OCWEN told Plaintiff not to worry because that would all be worked out in
the loan mod	ification agreement.
27.	Suddenly Plaintiff received a letter dated June 29, 2012 from Pite Duncan LLP
stating that t	he property had been sold and that FREDDIE MAC now owned Plaintiff's house.
The letter sta	ted that FREDDIE MAC "now owns the property described above as the result of a
foreclosure."	, ·
28.	After Defendants continuously promised to Plaintiff that they would get a loan
modificatio	n and after further promising that the sale would be postponed, Defendants caused a
	I foreclosure of Plaintiff's home located at 2201 The Alameda #18, Santa Clara, CA,
95050, whi	ch took place on June 26, 2012.
29.	Yet there was an Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded (as a Document NO.
21717712) i	n the Santa Clara County's Recorder Office on June 21, 2012, five days before the
trustee's sale	on June 26, 2012, which assigned all the rights under the Deed of Trust to

in the Exhibit B. While Plaintiff waited for a response on their loan modification application, Cal-30. Western recorded a Notice of Default and Notice of Trustee's Sale.

FREDDIE MAC already. And OCWEN still sent to Plaintiff several letters dated before the

trustee's sale and after the trustee's sale stating again that they were "processing" Plaintiff's

modification request "as quickly as possible" and that "you will not lose your home during the

HAMP evaluation." Please see attached OCWEN'S letters from July 03, 2012 and July 05, 2012

Notably, the Notice of Default and Notice of Trustee's Sale were not recorded by the agreed upon Trustee in the mortgage agreement. Instead, Defendants OCWEN and/or FREDDIE MAC used a trustee company, CAL-WESTERN, that Plaintiff believes they had a close relationship with. Defendants never filed a Substitution of Trustee with the County

Recorder's Office to notify Plaintiff that Defendants were changing the previously agreed upon Trustee.

- 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendants were able to generate substantial profits through the foreclosure of Plaintiff's home. Plaintiff is also informed and believes and based thereon alleges Defendants were able to apply for and did receive compensation and incentives from the Federal Government after the foreclosure sale.
- 33. Plaintiff alleges that the Defendants and each of them, in so acting in this case and with respect to many other mortgage or trust deed security instruments engage in a pattern and practice of utilizing the non-judicial foreclosure procedures of this State to foreclose on properties when they do not, in fact, have the right to do so, knowing that the property owners affected do not have the knowledge and means to contest the right of said Defendants to do so.
- 34. Plaintiff, through this pleading, demands further a detailed accounting of how the amount stated in the Notices of Default and Notice of Trustee Sale necessary to be paid to redeem the property from foreclosure has been calculated so that Plaintiff can adequately evaluate Plaintiff's rights under the law with Plaintiff's presale rights of reinstatement and redemption.
- 35. The subject property is unique. Therefore, should Defendants, and each of them, not be enjoined, Plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury for which there is no adequate remedy in law.
- 36. Defendants and each of them, in committing the acts alleged in this and other cases are engaging in a pattern of unlawful activity.
- 37. As a result thereof, Plaintiff has been damaged in having to hire attorneys before bringing this action, and has had to and will have to incur attorney fees to stop the wrongful acts of the Defendants and each of them. Plaintiff has been damaged in other ways that are not readily apparent at this time, but reserves the right to amend this complaint to allege further damages as they are determined.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Promissory Estoppel)

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# (Against Defendants FREDDIE MAC, OCWEN and DOES 1 through 100)

- 38. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set
- 39. Defendants made a promise, through oral and written representations, that they were working towards giving Plaintiff a loan modification and would not conduct foreclosure on the Subject Property if Plaintiff completed an application and submitted the requested documents.
- 40. Defendants should have reasonably expected that Plaintiff would rely on such promise.
- 41. Plaintiff did in fact justifiably rely on that promise by completing the application and gathering the requesting documents rather than pursuing alternate measures to avoid the foreclosure sale including, but not limited to, the filing of a Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

  Additionally, Plaintiff could have explored the possibility of refinancing or marketing and selling the Subject Property, either of which would have been an option. Accordingly, Defendants are estopped from taking any action that was contrary to the written and oral promises made by them to Plaintiff.
- 42. As a result of Defendants false promises and misrepresentations, Plaintiff suffered special and general damages in an amount according to proof at trial, but in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

## (Fraudulent Misrepresentation and Concealment)

## (Against Defendants FREDDIE MAC, OCWEN, Cal-Western, and DOES 1-100)

- 43. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set forth more fully herein below.
- 44. As set forth above, Defendants knowingly and intentionally concealed material information from Plaintiff which is required by Federal Statutes and Regulations to be disclosed.

- 45: Defendants misrepresented material information to the Plaintiff with full knowledge by Defendants that their affirmative representations were false fraudulent, and misrepresented at the time said representations were made.
- 46. Specifically, On May 7, 2012, Plaintiff was contacted by Hernando Sanabria, Regional Manager at OCWEN. Mr. Sanabria stated to Plaintiff that she can be considered for a loan modification and that during that time her house will not be foreclosed. Mr. Sanabria had requested Plaintiff to fill out forms, send income tax forms, copies of pay stubs and other information. The only contact information to reach Mr. Sanabria was an e-mail address.
- 47. Plaintiff properly collected all the requested information and documents and faxed them on May 25, 2012. Plaintiff emailed Mr. Sanabria after having faxed the documents.

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- 48. Only after several emails and a month later, on June 25, 2012, Mr. Sanabria responded to Plaintiff and requested that she refaxed the documents. Plaintiff immediately refaxed all the documents again to Mr. Sanabria.
- 49. In response, Plaintiff received several letters from OCWEN stating that they were processing Plaintiff's request for a loan modification. The letters from OCWEN stated "... you will not lose your home during the HAMP evaluation..."
- 50. After Defendants continuously promised to Plaintiff that she would get a loan modification and after further promising that the sale would be postponed, Defendants caused a non-judicial foreclosure of Plaintiff's home located at 2201 The Alameda #18, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, which took place on June 26, 2012.
- 51. OCWEN still sent to Plaintiff several letters dated before the trustee's sale and after the trustee's sale stating again that they were "processing" Plaintiff's modification request "as quickly as possible" and that "you will not lose your home during the HAMP evaluation."
- 52. Under the circumstances, the material omissions and material misrepresentations of the Defendants were malicious.
- 53. Plaintiff, not being an investment banker, a securities dealer, a mortgage lender, or a mortgage broker, reasonably relied upon the representations of the Defendants in agreeing to



execute the mortgage loan documents, miss mortgage payments, resist seeking competent

- Had Plaintiff known of the falsity of Defendants representations, Plaintiff would not have entered into the transactions that are the subject of this action, missed her mortgage payments, resisted seeking counsel, or entered into any agreements regarding possible loan modifications.
- 55. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendants intentionally took the above actions so that they could charge substantial fees, all to their profit, and so that they could take title to Plaintiff's property.
- 56. As a direct result of Defendants false representations and concealments, Plaintiff missed her mortgage payments, failed to seek the assistance of competent counsel, and lost her home.
- 57. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' material omissions and material misrepresentations, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial but in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Unjust Enrichment)

## (Against Defendants FREDDIE MAC, OCWEN and DOES 1-100).

- 58. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set forth more fully herein below.
- As a result of the conduct described above, Defendants have been and will be unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiff. Specifically, Defendants unfair and malicious actions as described above have enabled Defendants to generate substantial fees and penalties and receive substantial monetary benefits from the foreclosure of Plaintiff's home, hence unjustly enriching Defendants at an amount to be proven at trial but in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this Court.



1	60. Defendants have been unjustly enriched at the expense of the Plaintiff, and
2	maintenance of the enrichment would be contrary to the rules and principle of equity.
3	Defendants should be required to disgorge this unjust enrichment.
4	61. Plaintiff thus demands restitution from the Defendants in the form of actual
5	damages, exemplary damages, and attorney's fees:
6	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
7	(Civil Conspiracy)
8	(Against All Defendants)
9	62. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set
io	forth more fully herein below.
[1	63. In all the aforementioned conduct, Defendants agreed, between and among
2	themselves, to engage in actions and a course of conduct designed to further an illegal act or
13	accomplish a legal act by unlawful means, and to commit one or more overt acts in furtherance
4	of the conspiracy to defraud Plaintiff.
15	64. Defendants agreed between and among themselves to engage in the conspiracy to
16	defraud for the common purposes of accruing economic gains for themselves at the expense of
17	and detriment to Plaintiff.
18	65. The actions of the Defendants were committed intentionally, willfully, wantonly,
19	and with reckless disregard for the rights of the Plaintiff.
20	66. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants in combination
21	resulting in fraud and breaches for the fiduciary duties, Plaintiff has suffered damages.
22	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
23	(Set Aside Illegal Trustee's Sale)
24	(Against All Defendants)
25	67. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set
26	forth more fully herein below.
27	68. Defendants obtained the title to the Plaintiff's property using fraudulent ways and
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- 69. Moreover, Defendant Cal-Western was not the agreed upon Trustee and never filed a Substitution of Trustee with the County Recorder's office notifying Plaintiff of the change. As such, Cal-Western never had authority to record a Notice of Default or Notice of Trustee's Sale, never had authority to conduct a Trustee's Sale, and never had authority to issue and to record a Trustee's Deed upon Sale.
- 70. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, Plaintiff has and continues to suffer damages.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Quiet Title)

#### (Against All Defendants)

- 71. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set forth more fully herein below.
- 72. The property that is the subject of this action is located at 2201 The Alameda #18, Santa Clara, CA, 95050.
  - 73. The legal description of the property is attached as Exhibit 'A'.
  - 74. Plaintiff is the legal owner of the Subject Property.
- 75. Plaintiff seeks to quiet title against the claims of Defendants and ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO; and DOES 1 through 100, as the Defendants hold themselves out as entitled to fee simple ownership of the Subject Property by and through their purchase of the property at the Trustee's Sale held by Cal-Western.
- 76. In fact, Defendants had no right to title or interest in the Subject Property and no right to entertain any rights of ownership including the right to foreclosure, offering the Subject Property for sale at a trustee's sale, demanding possession or filing cases for unlawful detainer. Nevertheless, Defendants proceeded with a non-judicial foreclosure sale, through Cal-Western as alleged trustee, illegally, and with unclean hands. Plaintiff is willing to tender the amount

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- · As Defendants obtained the Subject Property through fraud, misrepresentation, and wrongful conduct, the foreclosure sale was void and invalid. Additionally, the Trustee's Sale is void because the requirements of Civil Code Section 2923.5 were not complied with by any of the Defendants. Therefore, the Subject Property is still Plaintiff's property.
- Plaintiff seeks to quiet title as of June 26, 2012. Plaintiff seeks a judicial declaration that the title to the Subject Property is vested in Plaintiff alone and that Defendants and each of them be declared to have no interest estate, right, title or interest in the Subject Property and that Defendants, their agents and assigns, be forever enjoined from asserting any estate, right title or interest in the Subject Property.
- Accordingly, the Court should rule that the Subject Property remains Plaintiff's **7**9. property and award consequential damages in an amount according to proof at trial, but in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## (Unfair Practices under California Business & Professions Code Section 17200, et seq.) (Against All Defendants)

- Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges paragraphs above herein as if specifically set 80. forth more fully herein below.
- California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq., prohibits acts of unfair 81. competition, which shall mean and include any "unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act of practice."
- By committing the acts described herein Defendants, and each of them, have engaged in unfair business practices, causing injury and damages to plaintiff, and therefore violated California Business and Professions code § 17200.
- Furthermore, OCWEN engaged in unfair and fraudulent business practices by 83. making false promises not to foreclose on Plaintiff's property during loan modification

evaluation. OCWEN has fraudulently deceived Plaintiff, and is likely to deceive members of the public in the same way.

84. In addition, OCWEN's conduct alleged herein constitutes, inter alia, unjust enrichment, thus providing liability under the "unlawful" prong of Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

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- 85. Plaintiff has been injured by Defendants' business practices because Plaintiff has lost a substantial amount of money in fees, interest, and penalties that OCWEN has collected and retained from him. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks restitution to recover all money paid to Defendants for fees, interest, and penalties that were unlawfully, unfairly, or fraudulently collected and retained, as alleged herein.
- 86. Because Defendants' unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices as described herein are continuing, capable of repetition, and will continue unless restrained and enjoined by the Court, Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief requiring Defendants to cease from their unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practices, as alleged above.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION .

(Wrongful Foreclosure)

#### (Against All Defendants)

- 87. Plaintiff reaffirm and reallege paragraphs above herein as if specifically set forth more fully herein below.
- 88. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that after the origination and funding of their loan, it was sold to investors as a "mortgage backed security" and that none of the Defendants in this action owned this loan, or the corresponding note. Moreover, none of the Defendants in this action were lawfully appointed as trustee or had the original note assigned to them. Accordingly, none of the Defendants in this action had the right to declare default, cause notices of default to be issued or recorded, or foreclose on Plaintiff' interest in the Subject Property. The Defendants were not the note holder or a beneficiary at any time with regard to Plaintiff' loan.

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- .90. Plaintiff further alleges on information and belief that the loan was sold or transferred without notifying the Plaintiff in writing. Therefore, the loan is void of legal rights to enforce it.
- 91. Additionally, Defendants violated California Civil Code §2923.5(a), which requires a "mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent" to "contact the borrower or person by telephone in order to assess the borrower's financial situation and explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure. "Section 2923.5(b) requires a default notice to include a declaration "from the mortgagee, beneficiary, or authorized agent" of compliance with section 2923.5, including attempt "with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by this 'section."
- 92. None of the Defendants acted in good faith by contacting Plaintiff and offering options to avoid foreclosure. Instead, defendants engaged in the conduct of now-known "dual tracking" in order to trick Plaintiff and make him to believe that there would be no foreclosure conducted while Plaintiff's loan modification was still being processed. Accordingly, the Defendants did not fulfill their legal obligation to Plaintiff.
- 93. Thus, Defendants engaged in a fraudulent foreclosure of the Subject Property in that the Defendants did not have the legal authority to foreclose on the Subject Property and, alternatively, if they had the legal authority, they failed to comply with Civil Code Section 2923.5 and 2923.6.
- 94. As a result of the above alleged wrongs, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### RELIEF SOUGHT

95. WHEREFORE, having set forth numerous legally sufficient causes of actions against the Defendants, Plaintiff prays that:

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. ,	Defendants be required to deed back to the Plaintiff the subject real property;
	Defendants be permanently enjoined from any and all further attempts to
	foreclose on the subject property unless and until they can present proof that the
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- q. For corrective actions to restore plaintiff's credit rating at all agencies & her

PICO score to prior to the Freddie Mac loan. These corrective actions to be performed by Defendants with confirmation & proof provided to Plaintiff, and For such other and further equitable relief, declaratory relief and legal damages as may be permitted by law and as the court may consider just and proper. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

96. Plaintiff demands trial by jury of all matters so triable as a matter of right.

DATED: August 6, 2012

LAW OFFICE OF JEREMY J. ALBERTS

ittorney for Plaintiff

## VERIFICATION

I, Laura A. Edwards, am the plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Fullerton, California on August 2, 2012.

 Laura A. Edwards

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

#### PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

STREET ADDRESS & OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION:

2201 THE ALAMEDA #18, SANTA CLARA, CA, 95050

REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 1, OF TRACT NO. 6751, IN THE CITY OF , COUNTY-OF , STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 467 PAGE(S) 1 20; 2 21 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER

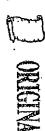


EXHIBIT B



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July 03, 2012

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Property Address:

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Santa Clara, CA 95050-6058

#### Important Information Regarding

#### Your Medification Application

#### Dear Ocwen Customer.

Oowen would like to take this opportunity to thank you for submitting an application for assistance. We value your business and want to assure you that we are processing your request as quickly as possible. To better serve you during this time, we have provided answers to the most frequently asked questions from austomers who have similarly applied for assistance.

#### PREQUENTLY ASKED OUESTIONS

#### What happens after I submit my financial package?

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Atsp. 2 — If you qualify, we will send you either a Trial Period Plan offer or a modification offer depending on the program. It takes approximately 30 days for us to complete our review.

#### How can I get an update on the application process?

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We know your time is valuable, so we do not want you to fact the need to follow-up via phone. If you call us while the package is boing processed, the representative will not have any new information. Please rest assured our representatives are working diligently to prosess your application.

We are committed to helping you retain your home. That's why we are currently evaluating your mortgage for eligibility in the Home Affordable Modification Program ("HAMP") which would modify the terms of your loan and make your mortgage payments more affordable. If your loan has been previously referred to foreclosure, we will continue the foreclosure process while we evaluate your loss for HAMP. However, no forestusure sale will be conducted and you will not lose your home during the HAMP evaluation.

HAMP Eligibility

- . If you are eligible for HAMP, you will enter into a "trial period". You will receive a Trial Period Plan Notice which will contain a new trial payment amount (this will temporarily replace your current mortgage payment during the HAMP trial period). To necept the Trial Period Plan, you must make your first trial payment by the specified due date. Once you accept, we will hatt the foreclasure process as long as you continue to make your required trial plan ouvments.
- . If you do not qualify for HAMP, or if you fail to comply with the terms of the Trial Period Plan, you will be sent a Non-Approval Notice. In most cases, you will have 30 days to review the reason for non-approval and contact us to discuss my concerns you may have. During this 30-day review period, we may continue with the pending foreclosure action, but no foreclosure sule will be conducted and you will not lose your home.

Important—Do not ignore any forcelesure notices.

The HAMP evaluation and the process of forsclosure may proceed at the same time. You may receive foreclosure/eviction notices - delivered by mail or in person - or you may see steps being taken to proceed with a foreclosure sale of your home. While you will not lose your home during the HAMP evaluation, to protect your rights under applicable foreclosure law, you may need to respond to these foreclosure notions or take other actions. If you have any questions about the foreclosure process and the evaluation of your HAMP request, contact us at (800) 746-2936. If you do not understand the legal consequences of the foreclosure, you are also encouraged to contact a lawyer or housing counselor for assistance.

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Call (800) 746-2936 if you cannot afford to make your trial period payments, but went to remain in your home. Or if you have decided to loave your home, contact us -we have other options that may be able to help you avoid foreclosure. We are available Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm ET. Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET and Sunday 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET.

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#### FINANCIAL COUNSELING SERVICES

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HUD Approved Housing Counseling:

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#### CIVIL LAWSUIT NOTICE

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95113

#### PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE FORM

PLAINTIFF (the person suing): "Within 60 days after filling the lawsuit, you must serve each Defendant with the Complaint, Summons, an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Sheet, and a copy of this Civil Lawsuit Notice, and you must file. written proof of such service.

#### DEFENDANT (The person sued): You must do each of the following to protect your rights:

- You must file a written response to the Complaint, using the proper legal form or formal, in the Clerk's Office of the Court, within 30 days of the date you were served with the Summons and Complaint;
- You must serve by mail a copy of your written response on the Plaintiff's attorney or on the Plaintiff if Plaintiff has no attorney (to "serve by mail" means to have an adult other than yourself hall a copy); and
- You must attend the first Case Management Conference.

Warning: If you, as the Defendant, do not follow these instructions. you may automatically lose this case.

RULES AND FORMS: You must follow the California Rules of Court and the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara Local Civil Rules and use proper forms. You can obtain legal information, view the rules and receive forms, free of charge, from the Self-Help Center at 99 Notre Dame Avenue, San Jose (408-882-2900 x-2926), www.scaelfservice.org (Select "Civil") or from:

- State Rules and Judicial Council Forms: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms and www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules
- Local Rules and Forms: http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/civil/rule1ted.htm

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CMC): You must meet with the other parties and discuss the case, in person or by telephone, at least 30 calendar days before the CMC. You must also fill out, file and serve a Case Management Statement (Judicial Council form CM-110) at least 15 calendar days before the CMC.

You or your attorney must appear at the CMC. You may ask to appear by telephone - see Local Civil Rule 8.

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ADR providers and their qualifications, services, and fees.

WARNING: Sanctions may be imposed if you do not follow the California Rules of Court or the Local Rules of Court.

CIVIL LAWSUIT NOTICE

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INFORMATION SHEET

Many cases can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties without the necessity of traditional litigation, which can be expensive, time consuming; and stressful: The Court finds that it is in the best interests of the parties that they participate in alternatives to traditional litigation, including arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation, special masters and referees, and settlement conferences. Therefore, all matters shall be referred to an appropriate form of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) before they are set for trial, unless there is good cause to dispense with the ADR requirement.

#### What is ADR?

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ADR is the general term for a wide variety of dispute resolution processes that are alternatives to litigation. Types of ADR processes include mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, special masters and referees, and settlement conferences, among others forms.

What are the advantages of choosing ADR instead of litigation?

ADR can have a number of advantages over litigation;

- ADR can save time. A dispute can be resolved in a matter of months, or even weeks, while litigation can take
  vears.
- ADR can save money. Attorney's fees, court costs, and exper fees can be reduced or avoided altogether.
- ADR provides more participation. Parties have more opportunities with ADR to express their interests and concerns, instead of focusing exclusively on legal rights.
- ADR provides more control and flexibility. Parties can choose the ADR process that is most likely to bring a satisfactory resolution to their dispute.
- ADR can reduce stress, ADR encourages cooperation and communication, white discouraging the adversarial atmosphere of litigation. Surveys of parties who have participated in an ADR process have found much greater satisfaction than with parties who have gone through litigation.

What are the main forms of ADR offered by the Court?

Mediation is an informal, confidential, flexible and non-binding process in the mediator helps the parties to understand the interests of everyone involved, and their practical and legal choices. The mediator helps the parties to communicate better, explore legal and practical settlement options, and reach an acceptable solution of the problem. The mediator does not decide the solution to the dispute; the parties do.

Mediation may be appropriate when:

- The parties want a non-adversary procedure
- The parties have a continuing business or personal relationship
- Communication problems are interfering with a resolution
- There is an emotional element involved
- The parties are interested in an injunction, consent decree, or other form of equitable reflet

Neutral evaluation, sometimes called "Early Neutral Evaluation" or "ENE", is an informal process in which the evaluator, an experienced neutral lawyer, hears a compact presentation of both sides of the case, gives a non-binding assessment of the strengths and weaknesses on each side, and predicts the likely outcome. The evaluator can help parties to identify issues, prepare stipulations, and draft discovery plans. The parties may use the neutral's evaluation to discuss settlement.

Neutral evaluation may be appropriate when:

- The parties are far apart in their view of the law or value of the case
- The case involves a technical issue in which the evaluator has expertise.
- Case planning assistance would be helpful and would save legal fees and costs
- The parties are interested in an injunction, consent decree, or other form of equitable relief

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EXHIBIT "B"

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7,	SUPERIOR COURT	OF CALIFORNIA
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9	T ATTO A A DESCRIPTANTO	G N 1100W000010
10	LAURA A. EDWARDS,	Case No.: 112CV229912
11	Plaintiff,	
12	vs.	
13	FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE	NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF
14	CORPORATION, a Government Sponsored Enterprise; OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,	REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT
15	a Delaware Limited Liability Company; CAL- WESTERN RECONVENYANCE	
16	CORPORATION, a California Corporation; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY	٠,
17	LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE,	
18	ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE	
19	COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S	
20	TITLE THERETO, AND DOES 1-100,	
	inclusive,	
21	Defendants.	
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## TO THE COURT AND THE PARTIES: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION ("Freddie Mac"), defendant in the above-styled action, has this date filed in 3 the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, a Notice of Removal thereby effecting the removal of this case. A copy of the Notice of Removal is attached to this 5 Notice and served herewith. Accordingly, this Court is divested of jurisdiction in this action at this time. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(d). 7 8 9 10 DATED: September 17, 2012 HOUSER & ALLISON A Professional Corporation 11 12 13 Sara Firoozek 14 Attorneys for Defendants, FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE 15 CORPORATION and OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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2	STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
3	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )
4	I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 9970 Research Drive, Irvine, CA 92618.
5 6	On September, 2012, I served the following document(s):
7	NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT
8	On the following interested parties in this action described as follows:
9	Jeremy J. Alberts LAW OFFICE OF JEREMY J. ALBERTS
10	125 W. Amerige Ave.
11	Fullerton, CA 92832 Attorney for Plaintiff
12	X] VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL: CCP §§ 1013(a); 2015.5; By placing a true copy thereon
13	enclosed in a sealed envelope(s) addressed as above, and placing each for collection and mailing on the date following ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with my
14	firm's business practice and collection and processing of mail with the United States Postal Service and correspondence placed for collection and mailing would be deposited
15	with the United States Postal Service at Irvine, California, with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.
16	prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of odsiness.
17	I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the
18	foregoing is true and correct.
19	Executed on September, 2012, in Irvine, California.
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